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**I-10 PROJECT IN CABAZON
UPDATE**

CABAZON – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces that the slab replacement portion of the I-10 project near Cabazon is complete. Remaining work includes construction of the median barrier, which began today, as well as shoulder and ramp paving and bridge work.

There are six bridges within the nine-mile project limits. The bridge work, which will occur over the next three weeks, includes replacing bridge approach and departure slabs and treating the bridge decks, requiring some ramp and lane closures within the project limits. However, commuters will see a noticeable reduction in the frequency of temporary lanes closed. The closure schedule for this week is attached to this press release, and weekly closure information can be found on our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist8, click on Press Releases. Once the bridge work is complete, at least two lanes will remain open at all times for the remainder of the construction.

This I-10 project spans the area from just west of Fields Road to the I-10/111 separation. All work is scheduled to be complete by the end of August 2004. Motorists are advised to reduce speeds in construction areas, and please, always SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.

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